



Lina Minichini

Category: Partner in Care

Nomination submitted by Linda, care coordinator in Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant.

I wanted to recognize Lina for her selfless dedication, her devotion and her enormous contribution that makes it possible for her husband Rob to remain living at home with dignity.

Without hesitation, Lina stopped working to provide 24 hours of personal care, including attending five months of training to learn how to manage a medical device so that her husband can complete treatment in the home. By completing this training and providing the care, Lina generously gave up the opportunity to have respite time for herself.

On top of this, Lina has also been approved to be an organ donor for her husband - truly an altruistic act.

When reaching out to Lina she shared a bit more about their love story.

Rob and Lina dated as teenagers, 34 years ago. They went their separate ways at 18, and Lina moved out of the city. 30 years went by with no contact between the two. By chance, only three years ago their worlds collided once again when Lina was at home visiting her mother and happened to run into Rob. The next day, after reconnecting, she knew this was no longer a quick visit home, and four weeks later they were married. Sadly, just one year into their marriage Rob became ill.

Now two years into their journey, Lina shared, “we’ve gone through a lot, but he loves me, and I love him, and I’ll do anything to make his life comfortable and as independent as it can be... whatever time I have with him in this world I appreciate it and I am grateful for every day.”

In her nomination submission, Rob’s care coordinator Linda shared, I wanted to acknowledge her tireless effort and exceptional care. I recognized how much she had to take on and wanted her to know that it hadn’t gone unnoticed.